

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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MEDICINAL COMPOSITIONS FOR PREVENTING
OR TREATING VIRAL MYOCARDITIS
[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/04286
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/04286 filed June 28, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claims 1-24.

Please add the following new claims:

25. (New) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral myocarditis, which comprises administering an effective amount of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof to a patient in need thereof.